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¶ An Act for the better Rai-
sing and Levying of Mariners,
Sailers, and others, for the present guarding
of the Seas, and necessary defence of
this Realm, and other His Ma-
jesties Dominions.



Whereas the late Act, intitu-
led, An Act for the better
raising and levying of Mar-
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the present guarding of the
Seas, and necessary defence of
the Realm, and other His Ma-
jesties Dominions, is found
by experience to be insuffi-
cient for the furtherance of
the said service, and to be
amended for the defence of
the said Realm, and other His
Majesties Dominions, by reason of sundry restrictions
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and doubtfull limitations in the said Act: And forasmuch as it highly importeth the safetie of all his Majesties said Dominions, that severall Fleets of Ships be with all possible speed set forth to the Seas, and all manner of diligence be used therein, for the raising of Mariners, Sailers, and others, to that purpose,

Be it therefore enacted, by the authority of this present Parliament, That the Lord Admirall that now is, shall and may, at any time or times between the first day of February 1641. and the first of November 1642. by himself, his Vice-Admirall, Commissioner, or Commissioners, or other Officer or Officers, or any of them, Levy, and Impresse such, and so many Mariners, Sailers, Watermen, Chirurgions, Gunners, and Ship-Carpenters, as shall be requisite and necessary for this present expedition, or for any such further defence of the Realm, or any other of his Majesties Dominions; which said Mariners, Sailers, and other such persons so to be Levied and Impressed, as aforesaid, and every of them, shall have paid and delivered unto him upon such his Impressing, by the person that shall so Impresse him, for Conduict money, for every mile from the place where he shall be so Impressed, to the Ship or place to which he shall be appointed to make his repair, the sum of one penny, and the like sum of one penny for every mile from the place of his discharge unto the place of his abode, and shall be allowed for his Service the best wages and entertainment which have or hath been allowed by the Government to any such person or persons respectively, at any time within these years last past.

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And if any Master, Boate, Mate, men, Wharf-
gion, Gunner, or Ship-Carpenter, shall wilfully
refuse to be Impressed, in, or for the said Service, or
shall voluntarily hide and absent himself at the time
of such Presse, to avoid the said Service, That then
every such person so offending shall suffer Imprison-
ment by the space of three months without bail
or Mainprize.

Provided alwayes that this Act shall not extend
to the pressing of any Master of any Ship or
Barque, that hath the charge of any Ship or
Barque, or unto any Masters-Mate, or Ship-Car-
penter of any Ship or Barque that is in imployment
at the time of the said presse.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, That no
Money, or other reward, shall be taken, or any cor-
rupt practice used by any the persons authorized by
this Act, in or for the pressing, charging, sending,
or discharging of any person or persons to be Im-
pressed by force of this Act, under pain of forfeiture of
twenty pounds by the person so offending, for every
such offence; the one half to his Majesty, his Heirs
and Successours, the other half to him that will sue
for the same, to be recovered by Action of Debt,
Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His
Majesties Courts of Records, or before the Justices
of Assize, Oyer and Terminer, Goal-Delivery, or
the Justices of the Peace of the County, City, or
Town-Corporate where such offence shall be com-
mitted, at their generall quarter Sessions, wherein
no Wager of Law, Essoign, Protection, or Injuncti-
on shall be admitted or allowed.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by
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the Authority aforesaid, that one other Act intituled, An Act for the better raising and levying of Mariners, Sailers, and others, for the present guarding of the Seas, and necessary defence of the Realm, and other His Majesties Dominions, made in this present Parliament, and now in force, and every Article, Clause, and Provision therein contained, be from the first day of February in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred forty one Repealed and made utterly void and of none effect.

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